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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE ON NORAD AGREEMENT RENEWAL

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WILL BE ISSUED AT 4:30 P.M.

LOCAL TIME, MAY 8: BEGIN TEXT

THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA HAVE AGREED TO RENEW THE
NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE (NORAD) AGREEMENT FOR AN
ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. THE RENEWAL WAS EFFECTED
TODAY IN WASHINGTON BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES SIGNED BY THE
CANADIAN AMBASSADOR MARCEL CADIEUX AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CANADIAN AFFAIRS RICHARD D. VINE.

NORAD IS AN INTEGRATED US-CANADIAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF
NORTH AMERICAN AIR SPACE AND FOR THE DEFENSE OF NORTH
AMERICA AGAINST AIR ATTACK. U.S.-CANADIAN COOPERATION IN
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THIS FIELD IS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF

MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER NATO. ESTABLISHED IN 1957,
NORAD HEADQUARTERS IS IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. THE
PRESENT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IS GENERAL L. D. CLAY, JR.,
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, AND HIS DEPUTY IS LIEUTENANT
GENERAL RICHARD C. STOVEL, CANADIAN FORCES.

THE NORAD RENEWAL TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE CHANGES IN THE
CHARACTER OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS AND THE THREAT POSED BY
THEM TO NORTH AMERICA WHICH HAVE OCCURRED SINCE NORAD WAS
FIRST ESTABLISHED. THE AGREEMENT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE
CONTINUING, IF CHANGING, THREAT FROM THE MANNED BOMBER
STILL CALLS FOR CLOSE US-CANADIAN COOPERATION IN AIR
DEFENSE FOR NORTH AMERICA. WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE
WARNING, AEROSPACE SURVEILLANCE, AND CONTROL FUNCTIONS OF
NORAD, CANADA WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY ACTIVE ANTI-
BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NEW
AGREEMENT, CLOSE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WILL TAKE
PLACE BETWEEN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AIRSPACE CONTROL
AUTHORITIES IN THE US AND CANADA. END TEXT.

FYI - WE UNDERSTAND GOC WILL BE TABLING TEXT OF NORAD
EXCHANGE OF NOTES IN PARLIAMENT ON MAY 9 AND MAKING
SEPARATE PRESS RELEASE ALSO ON MAY 9. END FYI. KISSINGER
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